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I brought contents Department Circular telegram to attention Foreign Minister yesterday afternoon. She was immediately receptive and said she would call in Cuban representative in Israel and instruct Israeli Minister Habana to protest strongly Cuban intransigence. Mrs. Meir noted at same time that Israeli-Cuban relations not entirely normal and Israeli influence likely be minimal. Cuban Minister here is not real diplomat but Jewish businessman protecting personal business interests abroad and Israeli Minister Habana does not have ready access high officials there.

In course conversation Mrs. Meir informed me of statement made to her few days ago by Soviet Ambassador to effect he unable comprehend Zorin's original refusal admit existence missiles in Cuba and Ambassador thought likely as result Zorin would be recalled. In view fact Soviet representative's early comment substantively without instructions Mrs. Meir constrained wonder what Soviets endeavor accomplish with this line.

JERUSALEM POST this morning contains short front page story to effect my meeting with Mrs. Meir yesterday was for purpose eliciting Israeli support Cuban situation and is headlined "Israeli Seeks Avoid Involvement Cuba" (sic). Foreign Office claims not be source of story on which it declined comment and tells me JERUSALEM POST diplomatic reporter who queried Foreign Office was already aware purpose my call. Sure not

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revealed. I have no reason believe any Embassy officer involved and can consequently only speculate that reporter guessing or obtained lead elsewhere outside Israel.

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